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Frank A. Levy

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REASON

DC - SR9: 1956-1960

Levy stated that he never heard of LHO until 1963. He says that SR 9 was a small office & had LHO's name arisen, he would have known about it.

SR 9 was a special operations office involved in running clandestine operations in Soviet Union. During those years, SR 9 had only 1 or 2 assets w/ the Soviet Union. These individuals were Soviets.

SR 10 - designed to utilize non-Soviet foreign travelers w/ USSR to try to recruit Soviet or support clandestine activities. generally

Levy stated that SR 9 knew everything that SR 10 was doing, & he would've known about Oswald if Oswald worked for SR 10. Only exception to this was when SR 10 was doing something directly w/ which was not at all important. Anything important SR 10 would contact SR 9 for assistance. Levy gave example of when SR 10 was trying to locate people in Soviet Union for a long time.

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Levy reviewed the 11/05/63 Casbin memo, & said he had never seen it before.

He added that Agency could not possibly have debriefed everyone of the thousands of people who traveled w/ USSR.

Levy stated that LHO wouldn't have talked to LHO because it was apparent that he

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could not be trusted. <sup>Cassia</sup>  
Levy never talked to <sup>Cassia</sup> about  
the memo or LHO.

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George Kisevalter 12/21/78 10:00.

- was w/ SR 9 from 1953-63. 1960  
Deputy chief from SR 9 from ~~1959~~ 1960-62.

- general function of SR 9 was to run clandestine operations in Soviet Union. He ran the Penkovsky case.

Kisevalter has known Alexis Davison for many years. He assisted the agency in that case, but "absolutely had no contact w/ LHO on behalf of CIA."

Davison's role in Penkovsky was very limited. He was virtually a single occasion asset.

Kisevalter said that, as deputy chief of SR 9, he definitely would've known about LHO if he had been connected with CIA. It would've been impossible for any clandestine ops to have been run in Soviet Union w/o he (Kisevalter) having known about it. In 1963, as assistant to Howard Osborne, Chief of SR, he conducted a review of every clandestine operation ever run in Soviet Union. LHO was never involved.

SR-10 - used legal travelers as a means of obtaining info.

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He saw Cassin memo many years ago, but there was never any follow-up. He never talked to Cassin about this.

\* initials OI in memo indicate that only concern Cassin had re LHO was to obtain operational intelligence.

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Miss Betty Stacey

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worked in SR 6 from 1956-61

She kept a card file on defectors to the west and on defectors to the east. LHO would have been in this card file.

SR was not particularly interested in defectors to the East.

She has no knowledge of LHO and being connected w/ CIA. She

left SR 6 in '61 & in any way would not have knowledge about whether LHO was ever debriefed by CIA.

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David Chauvade

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11:00 am.

DC of SR10 from approx 1959-61

DC SM6 under Richardson <sup>until</sup> in Spring of '61.  
- never discussed LHO w/ him.

He never heard LHO's name mentioned  
anywhere prior to assassination.

LHO was not an agent, asset, or  
source of info for CIA.

LHO would not have been used by  
SR10 because they were looking for  
clean cut Americans who spoke Russian.  
Helm had to sign off on any of these.

He pointed out that SR9's usually  
involved clandestine ops involving the  
use of foreigners.

If LHO had been used by SR10,  
D.C. would've known about it. When  
D.C. heard that LHO killed JFK,  
the name "rang no bells."

He had never seen the Casper  
memo before.

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Robert Sawicki

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Was in SR 10 from 1957-61.  
Was deputy chief ~~from 1960-61~~ during this  
period initially & then became chief in 1960-61.

He has no knowledge of LHO ever  
being connected w/ CIA in any capacity.  
First heard name after assassination.

If LHO was sent overseas from US  
to work in American Legal Traveler  
program, Sawicki wouldn't know about it.  
Sawicki says he interviewed every  
person who was involved in the  
program.

He never saw Casarin memo before  
& never discussed LHO with him.

SR 10 was primarily interested  
in personalities - people who were  
potentially spies for U.S.

He never spoke to Priscilla J.  
Merrillman & she was not in American  
traveler program.

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Alexander Logolow

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Founded  
SR 10  
in  
1954

Chief of SR 10 from 1954 - May 1959  
From 1954-67, he did SR 10 work from  
Germany.

Logolow says he is an extremely  
inquisitive guy. He made all sorts  
of inquiries concerning SR affairs.  
If LHO was connected w/ CIA,  
he thinks that he would've known  
about it.

He never spoke to Casarin about  
LHO & never saw the memo  
before today.

Says SR 10 never would've used  
LHO bec he did not meet high  
requirements. college grad, ivy league,  
Russian speaking.

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